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For: CAMSHAFT, METHOD OF MANUFACTURING CAM FOR CAMSHAFT, AND
METHOD OF MANUFACTURING SHAFT FOR CAMSHAFT

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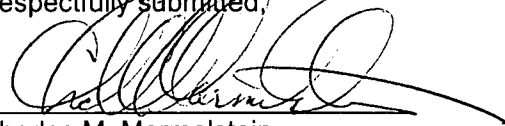
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Rejection of the Application

Cited Reference(s)

- D1: Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 11-280419
- D2: Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 4-253559
- D3: Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2001-176864
- D4: Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2002-124506
- D5: Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2002-164332
- D6: Japanese Patent Publication No. 6-98379
- D7: Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 5-177542
- D8: Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2000-345268
- D9: Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 5-293513
- D10: Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 7-26910

Examiner's Statement

Claims 1 to 6 are rejected in view of references D1 to D9 for lack of novelty and inventive step.

Claims 1 to 6 are rejected in view of reference D10 for lack of inventive step.